who eschew the path of terror and violence. However Government would contiune its battle against all those who continue to stick to that path of terror.

Opening of Nagaland for Foreign Tourists

2516. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have opened Nagaland to foreign tourists, if so, the details in this regard;

(b) what is their response thereto;

(c) whether adequate publicity has been given to this effect through our Embassies so that inflow of foreign exchange and foreign tourist is increased;

(d) whether Government have undertaken any steps to take care of the security of the foreign tourists; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Government fo India has on 11.4.2000 partially relaxed procedures relating to the issue of Protected Area Permits for Nagaland with the aim and objective of Promoting tourism in the State. Foreign nationals are now permitted to enter through declared entry and exit points and visit specified tourist circuit area in 4 districts namely Dimapur, Kohima, Wokha and Mokokchung.

(b) It is too early to assess the impact of the relaxations.

(c) All Indian Missions and Posts abroad have been informed of the relaxations.

(d) and (e) Security concerns of the visiting foreign tourists will be met by the State Government.